

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

BART DAHNEKE et al. : Examiner: Chen, Alan S.

Serial No.: 10/073,571 : Group Art Unit: 2182

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING PERIPHERAL

DEVICE SUPPORT INFORMATION

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Continued Examination is presented in response to the Final Office Action date April 20, 2006, and its corresponding Advisory Action dated June 22, 2006. It also follows a conference between the Examiner and the undersigned on June 29, 2006. Further, the following forms a basis of this paper:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Namely, claims 1-26 appear as originally or previously presented. Claims 27 - 34 are new.

Remarks begin thereafter on page 10.

After page 14, a five page <u>Inventor Affidavit</u> under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 appears, including another four pages of detailed Exhibits A (2 pages), B (1 page) and C (1 page), and such removes the only cited art from the domain of prior art.